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SUBJECT: PKK VIOLENCE CONTINUES: TEN YEAR-OLD CHILD AMONG
THE DEAD

REF: ANKARA 3269 AND PREVIOUS

¶1. PKK attacks in southeast Turkey for the week of June 5-11 killed four Turkish security forces personnel and one civilian, a ten year-old child (according to press reports). During the same week, 15 security forces were WIA, as were seven civilians. Two PKK terrorists were killed in a firefight with Turkish soldiers in Diyarbakir province. In addition to the above, the PKK also claimed responsibility for a June 3 bombing in Mersin which injured 15 civilians.

¶2. According to press, the ten year-old child was killed when a PKK IED exploded under a civilian vehicle in Cizre, in Sirnak province (five other civilians were wounded). Cizre is about 40 km from the Iraq-Turkey Habur Gate border crossing, and is on the main road trucks use to approach the gate.

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